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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 2, delete the title of the invention in its entirety, and insert therefor:

a1 -- NEW USE OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS FOR MMP-MEDIATED DISEASES --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

a2 --8. (Amended) The immunosuppressant used in claim 1 is tacrolimus, cyclosporin A
or 33-epi-chloro-33-desoxyascomycin.--